

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

APPLICANT: Georg Sczakiel et al. GROUP ART UNIT 1637

S.N.: 10/576,005 EXAMINER: Cynthia B. Wilder

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FOR: METHOD FOR EARLY DETECTION
AND MONITORING OF DISEASES BY
ANALYSIS OF CELL-SURFACE BOUND
NUCLEIC ACIDS

ATTY. **195.66**

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INTRODUCTION

In response to the final office action dated March 25, 2008, applicants' file herewith their Request for Continued Examination under 37 C.F.R. 1.114.

Applicants' respectfully request reconsideration of Examiner's rejection of Claims 5-7 and 14 based on the following amendments and remarks. Claims 8-13 have been cancelled.